



# Funeral Planning Guide

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The St. Paul's community will be praying for you and your family and will continue to do so in the weeks ahead. This guide is designed to assist you in planning the funeral.

We believe that baptized Christians share with Christ in his resurrection and victory over death. This means that the funeral liturgy is an Easter liturgy and is therefore characterized by the hope and joy that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This joy, however, does not diminish the depth of grief or loss you feel. The very love we have for each other brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Please know that the St. Paul's community is praying for you and your family.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

## BULLETIN

The church will provide a bulletin with the order of service on ivory paper. Due to the cost of printing, we are unable to accommodate additional photos beyond a cover photo.

## FAMILY PARTICIPATION

Family and friends are invited to take an active part in the service by reading Scripture, leading the Prayers of the People, and bringing the bread and wine to the altar for Communion.

## CEMETERY

Parishioners of record in **good** standing may purchase a burial plot in the church cemetery.

Cemetery: \$1,500

St. Francis Garden (ashes): \$1,000

Cemetery Digging Fee: \$1,000 (*payable directly to James Holesapple*)

St. Francis Garden Digging Fee: \$400

Inactive members and non-members with familial connection to St. Paul's

Cemetery: \$3,000

St. Francis Garden (ashes): \$2,000

Cemetery Digging Fee: \$1,000 (*payable directly to James Holesapple*)

St. Francis Garden Digging Fee: \$400

Contact Phil Hamilton ([philjudyh@yahoo.com](mailto:philjudyh@yahoo.com); 301-645-5327) to purchase a plot.

## ALTAR HANGING AND VESTMENTS

The color for altar hangings and clergy vestments is white for funerals, because the liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised. It is to this hope we cling, and it is to this hope God has promised to complete.

## PASCHAL CANDLE

The Paschal candle is present during funerals and memorial services. The candle, symbolic of the light of Christ and God's gift of grace bestowed upon us in baptism, has been used since ancient times to remind God's people that we are, through the life, the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, delivered from darkness and into the light of God's eternal love.

## HOLY COMMUNION

The Holy Eucharist is often celebrated at funeral services but this is at the family's discretion. All baptized Christians in attendance, regardless of denomination or age, are welcome to receive Communion.

## FLOWERS

A floral blanket or spray may be placed on the coffin as the procession leaves the church. We ask that the family removes all flowers from the church following the ceremony. We have a working relationship with Country Florist, but the funeral home can recommend additional florists.

## GUEST BOOK

St. Paul's does not provide a guest book for congregation members to sign. In most cases, this is provided by the funeral home. Please confirm with the funeral home in advance of the service.

## **THE PALL**

The *Book of Common Prayer* dictates that the casket is closed upon entering the church. The casket or urn, if present during the service at the church, will be covered with a pall (an embroidered cloth provided by the parish). A pall, in covering the casket, symbolically expresses the Christian's conviction that all persons are equal in God's eyes.

## **MILITARY HONORS**

Military or other honor services may be done at the end of the funeral service. In the event of military honors, the casket will be taken outside of the Church and the pall will be removed. The American or other national flag may be placed on the casket and appropriate honors performed.

## **RECEPTION**

The use of the Hamilton Room (Fellowship Hall) is available to members at no cost if there are no previously scheduled events. The parish will provide a light buffet with sandwiches from Nick's of Clinton. With the exception of the sandwiches, all food is covered at no cost to the family (reimbursement may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church). If this is a hardship, please do not hesitate to let Mother Maria know.

## **VISITATION**

The Episcopal Church requires that the casket must be closed and remain closed upon entering the church. If you desire to have a visitation prior to the service, please note that the casket will still need to be closed. If you would prefer to have a visitation with an open casket, the funeral home is the best place to do that.

## **MEMORIAL FUND**

Should you wish, St. Paul's Memorial Fund provides opportunities for people to make contributions to the church in memory of a departed loved one and used for a specific ministry or project indicated by the family. Like all gifts to St. Paul's, memorial contributions are tax deductible. Acknowledgements are always sent to family members of the deceased noting that a gift was given and by whom. A copy is also provided to the family. The amount is never mentioned.

## **FEES**

Music—\$150. Please remit payment to Dr. Holly Oberle on the day of the service.

Reception—\$100, made payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

*\*If any of these fees pose a hardship, please do not let hesitate to let Mother Maria know.\**

# BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized: Yes No Confirmed: Yes No

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Military Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information You Would Like Us to Know: \_\_\_\_\_

## Visitation

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Prayers: Yes No

## Funeral/Memorial Service

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Funeral Home: (\_\_\_\_\_) Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Body/cremains present? (*circle one*): Yes (funeral) No (memorial service)

## Interment/Inurnment

St. Paul's, Piney Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Other Cemetery: \_\_\_\_\_

Will there be military or other honors? YES NO

## Reception

Do you wish to have a reception? YES NO Special requests for the reception:

## Memorials

If you desire donations in lieu of flowers, please specify to which organizations you would like the gifts given to and we will list at the end of the bulletin.

# THE LITURGY

Does the family want to be seated before the service? Yes      No (Process in w/clergy and crucifer)

The Burial Office: Rite I (traditional: *thou; thy; shalt; knowest*) or Rite II (contemporary: *you; your; will; know*)

Communion Liturgy (circle one): Yes      No

## Readings

Please select at least two lessons. If there will be Eucharist, one of those lessons has to be the Gospel and will be read by the clergy. See Appendix A (p. 6) for the text of the readings.

**Old Testament:**      \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah 25:6-9      \_\_\_\_\_ Wisdom 3:1-5, 9  
                                 \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah 61:1-3      \_\_\_\_\_ Job 19:21-27a  
                                 \_\_\_\_\_ Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33      \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify)

**Psalm:**      \_\_\_\_\_ 23      \_\_\_\_\_ 121  
                                 \_\_\_\_\_ 42:1-7      \_\_\_\_\_ 130  
                                 \_\_\_\_\_ 46      \_\_\_\_\_ 139:1-11  
                                 \_\_\_\_\_ 90:1-12

**New Testament:**      \_\_\_\_\_ Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39      \_\_\_\_\_ I John 3:1-2  
                                 \_\_\_\_\_ I Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58      \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation 7:9-17  
                                 \_\_\_\_\_ II Corinthians 4:16-5:9      \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation 21:2-7  
                                 \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify)

**Gospel:**      \_\_\_\_\_ John 5:24-27      \_\_\_\_\_ John 11:21-27  
                                 \_\_\_\_\_ John 6:37-40      \_\_\_\_\_ John 14:1-6  
                                 \_\_\_\_\_ John 10:11-16      \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify)

## Readers

Old Testament: \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm: \_\_\_\_\_

Epistle Lesson: \_\_\_\_\_

**Music** (See Appendix B, p. 13)

You may have music in as few or as many of the places listed below as you would like, or not at all. Recorded music is permissible only before or after the service or, most appropriately, at a reception that follows. We have found that the number of people who join in singing the congregational hymns to be very small. Accordingly, we recommend that no more than 2 verses of a hymn be sung.

***If you want music, these are the appropriate places for it.***

Processional Hymn or Spoken Anthem: \_\_\_\_\_

Opening Hymn (if no processional hymn): \_\_\_\_\_

Hymn before the Gospel Lesson: \_\_\_\_\_

Music during Communion: \_\_\_\_\_

Closing Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tributes**

Sometimes it is appropriate for persons other than the priest to offer words of remembrance. Tributes should be written down and 2-5 minutes in duration. Please list below the name(s) of those whom you wish to invite to speak. \_\_\_\_\_

**Worship Ministers** (The rector can assist with selecting servers.)

Crucifer: \_\_\_\_\_

Acolytes: \_\_\_\_\_

Intercessor (Prayer Leader): \_\_\_\_\_

Chalice Bearer: \_\_\_\_\_

Ushers: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pallbearers** (Please list only if you want their names in the bulletin)

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## APPENDIX A: READINGS

### OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

#### **Isaiah 25:6-9**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

#### **Isaiah 61:1-3**

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion-- to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

#### **Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33**

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

#### **Wisdom 3:1-5, 9**

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

#### **Job 19:21-27a**

"Have pity on me, my friends, have pity, for the hand of God has struck me. Why do you pursue me as God does? Will you never get enough of my flesh? "Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes-I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

## PSALMS

### **Psalm 42**

As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.  
My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of  
God? 3 My tears have been my food day and night, \*  
while all day long they say to me,  
“Where now is your God?”-  
4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: \*  
how I went with the multitude and led them into the

### **Psalm 46**

1 God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.  
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be  
moved, \* and though the mountains be toppled into  
the depths of the sea; though its waters rage and  
foam,  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.  
4 The Lord of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is  
our stronghold.  
5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of  
God, \* the holy habitation of the Most High. 6 God is  
in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown; \* God shall help her at  
the break of day.  
7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are

### **Psalm 90**

1 Lord, you have been our refuge \*  
from one generation to another.  
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born, \*  
from age to age you are God.  
3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \*  
“Go back, O child of earth.”  
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday  
when it is past \*  
and like a watch in the night.  
5 You sweep us away like a dream; \*  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.  
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

house of God,  
5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
among those who keep holy-day.  
6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?  
7 Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

shaken; \* God has spoken, and the earth shall melt  
away.  
8 The Lord of hosts is with us; \*the God of Jacob is  
our stronghold.  
9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,  
\*what awesome things he has done on earth.  
10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns  
the shields with fire.  
11 “Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted  
in the earth.”  
12 The Lord of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is  
our stronghold.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure;  
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.  
8 Our iniquities you have set before you, \*  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. 9  
When you are angry, all our days are gone; \*we bring  
our years to an end like a sigh.  
10 The span of our life is seventy years,  
perhaps in strength even eighty; \*yet the sum of  
them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away  
quickly and we are gone. 11 Who regards the power  
of your wrath? \* who rightly fears your indignation?  
12 So teach us to number our days \*  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. our  
handiwork.



### **Psalm 130**

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?  
3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.  
4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \* in his word is my hope.  
5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.  
6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, \*  
for with the Lord there is mercy;  
7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \* and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

### **Psalm 121**

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?  
2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;  
5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,  
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \* nor the moon by night.  
7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.  
8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

### **Psalm 139**

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \* you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.  
2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \* and are acquainted with all my ways.  
3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \* but you, O Lord, know it altogether.  
4 You press upon me behind and before \* and lay your hand upon me.  
5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \* it is so high that I cannot attain to it.  
6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \* where can I flee from your presence?  
7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \* if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.  
8 If I take the wings of the morning \* and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
9 Even there your hand will lead me \* and your right hand hold me fast.  
10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \* and the light around me turn to night,"  
11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.

### Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.  
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \* and  
leads me beside still waters.  
3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's  
sake.  
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
5 You spread a table before me in the presence of  
those  
who trouble me; \*you have anointed my head with  
oil,  
and my cup is running over.  
6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all  
the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### Psalm 27

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?  
2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who  
stumbled and fell.  
3 Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;  
4 And though war should rise up against me,  
yet will I put my trust in him.  
5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days  
of my life;  
6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
and to seek him in his temple.  
7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his  
shelter; \* he shall hide me in the secrecy of his  
dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.  
8 Even now he lifts up my head \*

above my enemies round about me.  
9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.  
10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.  
11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.  
12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.  
13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; \* do  
not forsake me, O God of my salvation.  
14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
the Lord will sustain me.  
15 Show me your way, O Lord; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.  
16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also  
those who speak malice.  
17 What if I had not believed that I should see the  
goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!  
18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;

### Psalm 106

1 Hallelujah!  
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \* for his mercy endures for ever.  
2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord \* or show forth all his praise?  
3 Happy are those who act with justice \* and always do what is right!  
4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, \* and visit me with your saving help;  
5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, \* that I may glory with  
your inheritance.

## Psalm 116

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.  
2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.  
3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."  
4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.  
5 The Lord watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.  
6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*  
for the Lord has treated you well.  
7 For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.  
8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living.  
9 I believed, even when I said,

"I have been brought very low." \*  
In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."  
10 How shall I repay the Lord \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?  
11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.  
12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people.  
13 Precious in the sight of the Lord \*  
is the death of his servants.  
14 O Lord, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.  
15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \* and  
call upon the Name of the Lord.  
16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
In the presence of all his people,  
17 In the courts of the Lord's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

## EPISTLE READINGS

### **Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39**

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58**

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown

in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

### **2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9**

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling-- if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

### **1 John 3:1-2**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

### **Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**Revelation 21:2-7**

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

**GOSPEL READINGS****John 5:24-27**

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. "Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

**John 6:37-40**

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

**John 10:11-16**

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

**John 11:21-27**

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

**John 14:1-6**

Jesus said "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father.

## APPENDIX B: SUGGESTED HYMNS

Below are suggested hymns for funerals. You may also pick hymns not listed here provided they are from the Hymnal 1982, Lift Every Voice and Sing, the Piney Song Book, and other Christian hymnals.

### **The Hymnal 1982**

7 Christ whose glory fills the skies	450 All the hail power of Jesus' Name!
178 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks	473 Lift high the cross
180 He is risen, he is risen	482 Lord of all hopefulness
182 Christ is alive	488 Be thou my vision
188 Love's redeeming work is done	492 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness
191 Alleluia, Alleluia	494 Crown him with many crowns
208 The strife is o'er, the battle done	493 O for a thousand tongues
287 For all the saints	526 Let saints on earth in concert sing
293 I sing a song of the saints of God	608 Eternal Father, strong to save
296 We know that Christ is raised	618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones
304 I come with joy to meet my Lord	620 Jerusalem, my happy home
335 I am the bread of life	625 Ye holy angels bright
355 Give rest, O Christ	635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee
356 May choirs of angels lead you	636 How firm a foundation
362 Holy, holy, holy	645 The King of love my shepherd is
373 Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore him	657 Love divine, all loves excelling
376 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee	664 My shepherd will supply my need
379 God is Love, let heaven adore him	671 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
388 O worship the King, all glorious above	680 O God, our help in ages past
398 I sing the almighty power of God	685 Rock of ages
423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise	686 Come thou fount
436 Lift up ye heads	690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah
439 What wondrous love is this	691 My faith looks up to thee
447 Thou art the Way, to thee alone	693 Just as I am

### **Piney Song Book**

10 Blessed Assurance	91 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
31 For the Beauty of the Earth	99 Somebody's Knocking At Your Door
36 God be the Love to Search and Keep Me	100 Soon and Very Soon
42 Great is thy faithfulness (best for solo)	104 Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
48 His Eye is On the Sparrow	108 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit
56 I Will Come to You (You are Mine)	111 This Little Light of Mine
61 In the Garden	114 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
62 It is Well with My Soul	123 We're Marching to Zion
75 My Hope is Built in Nothing Less	124 What a Friend We Have in Jesus
87 On Eagle's Wings	130 Your Only Son (Lamb of God)